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Nuclear Warning

MOSCOW—The head of the Soviet civil defense organization warned that virtually the entire population of the Soviet Union would be involved in a nuclear war. Marshal Vasily I. Chukov said in an interview published in the newspaper Soviet Russia that "the enemy may attack large cities, railway junctions, ports, civilian airports and even individual industrial establishments" as well as military targets in a nuclear war.

The warning was one of the bluntest yet made to the Soviet people that they as well as their enemies would suffer in an atomic conflict. A decade ago the Soviet Line was that capitalism would be destroyed in a war but that communism would survive.